

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment places the claims in the same form as in the Substitute Specification submitted with the filing of the application. The above preliminary amendment was made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4-9, 11, 13, 15-16, 19, 21, 26-27, 29, and 33 and to make minor editorial changes to all claims. Applicants respectfully bring to the attention of the Examiner the above preliminary amendment was also made to correct an error in the Substitute Specification. Claim 28 in the substitute specification incorrectly depended on claim 24, however, this error has been corrected to reflect the original dependency of this claim.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

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